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SUBJECT : ELECTIONS FOR 1977 STILL SCHEDULED

1. IN A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ISSUED NOVEMBER 8, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR (CMLA) A.S.M. SAYEM OFFICIALLY DISSOLVED THE PARLIAMENT AND DIRECTED THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR A NEW PARLIAMENT BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY 1977. THE PROCLAMATION ALSO DISSOLVED THE CABINET AND REGULARIZED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATION.

2. THE PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION --

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A) PROVIDES FOR SAYEM'S ASSUMPTION OF THE POWERS OF CMLA

AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THE THREE SERVICE CHIEFS AS DEPUTY CMLA'S; THE CMLA IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT ZONAL OR SUB-MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATORS.

B) AUTHORIZES THE CMLA TO MAKE MARTIAL LAW REGULATIONS AND DIRECTS THAT PREVIOUS MLR'S REMAIN IN EFFECT.

C) DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT AS OF NOVEMBER 6; GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT "SHALL BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY 1977".

D) REMOVES FROM OFFICE THE VICE PRESIDENT, SPEAKER, DEPUTY SPEAKER, MINISTERS, MINISTERS OF STATE, DEPUTY MINISTERS, AND WHIPS AS OF NOVEMBER 6.

E) EXEMPTS PRESIDENTIAL ORDINANCES FROM THE LIMITATIONS OF DURATION PRESCRIBED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

F) CONTINUES THE SUSPENSION OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION (ARTICLE 48) WHICH REQUIRES THAT THE PRESIDENT BE DIRECTLY ELECTED.

G) "OMITS" FROM THE CONSTITUTION THAT SECTION ADDED LAST JANUARY WHICH ENABLED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUJIB'S ONE-PARTY STATE (SECTION VI-A).

3. THIS LATEST PROCLAMATION IS A MODIFICATION OF THE FIRST MARTIAL LAW PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY MOSHTAQUE AHMED AUGUST 20.  
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